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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS ROUND-UP NO. 15

1. ARGENTINA PERMANENT ASSEMBLY: THE ARGENTINE PERMANENT ASSEMBLY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS HAS WRITTEN INTERIOR MINISTER HARGUINDEGUY ASKING FOR INFORMATION ON THE WHEREABOUTS OF 637 PERSONS WHO DISAPPEARED AFTER BEING PICKED UP BY ARMED MEN CLAIMING TO BE MEMBERS OF SECURITY FORCES. REFERRING TO THE PETITION PRESENTED TO THE SUPREME COURT ON APRIL 11 ON BEHALF OF 425 MISSING PERSONS, THE LETTER NOTES THAT THE COURT REQUESTED THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH TO INTENSIFY ITS INVESTIGATION INTO THE WHEREABOUTS OF THOSE PERSONS NAMED. TO THAT LIST, THE ASSEMBLY ADDED ANOTHER 212 CASES. THE LETTER IS SIGNED BY PROMINENT ASSEMBLY MEMBERS INCLUDING BISHOP JAIME DE NEVARES OF NEUQUEN, METHODIST BISHOP CARLOS GATTINONI, RADICAL LEADER RAUL ALFONSIN, RADICAL INTRANSIENT PARTY MEMBER OSCAR ALLENDE AND COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBER ANTONIO SOFIA. SEPARATELY THE PERMANENT ASSEMBLY WROTE TO PRESIDENT VIDELA IN EARLY MAY REPUDIATING THE CRIMINAL ATTACK ON FORMER FORNMINISTER GUZZETTI.

2. APPEAL FOR JOURNALIST: FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES OF JOURNALIST
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ANTONIO DI BENEDETTI HAVE APPEALED TO PRESIDENT VIDELA TO RELEASE THE AGING WRITER AND NEWSPAPER EDITOR WHO HAS BEEN HELD BY THE EXECUTIVE WITHOUT CHARGE FOR MORE THAN A YEAR.

3. ANTI-SEMITISM: IN A STATEMENT MADE TO THE ARGENTINE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN EARLY MAY, NEHEMIAS RESNIZKY, PRESIDENT OF THE DELEGATION OF ARGENTINE-ISRAELI ASSOCIATIONS (DAIA) WARNED THAT

"OBSCURE AND POGROMIST FORCES" ARE AT WORK IN ARGENTINA. THE STATEMENT, WHICH APPEARED PUBLICLY ONLY IN THE BUENOS AIRES HERALD (MAY 18), WAS REPORTEDLY NOT RELEASED TO THE NATIONAL MEDIA IN ORDER NOT TO "EXACERBATE A POTENTIALLY EXPLOSIVE SITUATION," ACCORDING TO THE HERALD. THE STATEMENT REFLECTS CONCERN WITHIN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY THAT RECENT SCANDALS INVOLVING PROMINENT JEWISH PERSONS COULD INDICATE A GROWING WAVE OF ANTISEMITISM. RESNIZKY DECLARES IN HIS STATEMENT THAT "ARGENTINA IS NOT AN ANTISEMITIC COUNTRY NOR DOES OFFICIAL ANTISEMITISM EXIST" BUT THAT VIOLENTLY ANTI-JEWISH GROUPS EXIST IN ARGENTINA, INCLUDING "PERSONS WHO WISH TO UNDERMINE THE BASIS OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE IN ARGENTINA AND POWERFUL ECONOMIC GROUPS WHO ALWAYS MAKE THE RITUAL OFFERINGS OF THE JEWISH MINORITIES AS A SCAPEGOAT TO HIDE THE IMPORTANT PROBLEMS WHICH HAMPER THE NATION'S DEVELOPMENT." ON THE ARREST OF JACOBO TIMERMAN, RESNIZKY SAID THAT TIMERMAN'S CASE WAS DIFFERENT (FROM OTHERS ARRESTED IN THE GRAIVER CASE) AND THAT CHARGES AGAINST HIM REMAIN UNCLEAR. THROUGH HIS NEWS-PAPER LA OPINION, TIMERMAN HAS MAINTAINED A CONSTANT AND COURAGEOUS STRUGGLE AGAINST NAZISM AND ANTISEMITISM, RESNIZKY SAID. SEPARATELY THE HERALD REFERRED TO EARLIER REPORTS THAT THREE LEADING ARGENTINE JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADERS, INCLUDING RESNIZKY, WERE SUDDENLY CALLED TO NEW YORK IN EARLY MAY TO REPORT ON THE ARGENTINE SITUATION TO WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS PRESIDENT NALUM GOLDMAN. GOLDMAN REPORTEDLY DENIED THE REPORT. HOWEVER, EMBASSY CAN CONFIRM THAT RESNIZKY DID TRAVEL TO NEW YORK HURRIEDLY IN EARLY MAY AFTER URGENTLY REQUESTING REVALIDATION OF HIS VISA IN ORDER TO MAKE TRIP. IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION ON ANTISEMITISM AT A PRESS CONFERENCE JUNE 2, NEWLY APPOINTED FORN MINISTER OSCAR MONTES SAID THAT GOA HAS REPEATEDLY

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REPUDIATED ACTIONS THAT DISTURB SOCIAL ORDER ON THE BASIS OF ETHNIC OR RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION AND HAS ALREADY SHUT DOWN TWO PUBLISHING HOUSES RESPONSIBLE FOR DISTRIBUTING MATERIAL UNACCEPTABLE TO THE NATIONAL CONSCIENCE. MONTES ADDED THAT THE ANTI-SUBVERSION AND ANTI-CORRUPTION CAMPAIGN IS NOT DIRECTED AGAINST ANY ETHNIC GROUP. "THE GOVT REAFFIRMS ITS DETERMINATION TO RID THE COUNTRY OF THOSE WHO TRY TO DISRUPT THE HARMONY AND PEACE OF THE ARGENTINE PEOPLE, WHATEVER BE THEIR FAITH OR ORIGIN," HE SAID.

4. BOMBINGS: TWO BOMBS EXPLODED IN FLORES IN BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE EARLY MAY 24, ONE OUTSIDE A PRIVATE HOME AND ANOTHER OUTSIDE A SYNAGOGUE THAT WAS DAMAGED IN A SIMILAR BOMB ATTACKS TWO WEEKS EARLIER. REPORTEDLY NO ONE WAS INJURED AND DAMAGE WAS SLIGHT.

5. COMMUNISTS DISAPPEAR: ATTORNEYS FOR THE ARGENTINE COMMUNIST PARTY (PCA) HAVE DENOUNCED THE DISAPPEARANCE OF 16 PCA MEMBERS DURING THE MONTH OF MAY. PCA ATTORNEY JOSE MANZANELLI

FILED A COMPLAINT WITH THE INTERIOR MINISTRY CLAIMING SEVEN PCA MEMBERS WERE PICKED UP IN THE AREA OF PCA HEADQUARTERS ON MAY 20 AND SEVEN MORE DISAPPEARED FROM THEIR HOMES SEVERAL DAYS EARLIER. A PRESS COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY PCA GENERAL ATTORNEY JESUS MIRA STATED THAT THREE OF THE 14 WERE SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED AFTER BEING BEATEN, TAKEN TO UNKNOWN LOCATIONS AND SUBJECTED TO PUNISHMENTS AND THREATS. MIRA SAID THAT TWO MORE PCA MEMBERS WERE ABDUCTED IN CORDOBA MAY 26 BY PERSONS WHO SHOWED FEDERAL POLICE CREDENTIALS. EARLIER IN MAY, MIRA RELEASED A STATEMENT CONCERNING RECENT ARRESTS AND DISAPPEARANCES OF PCA MEMBERS, MIRA EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT ALTHOUGH PCA STILL HAS LEGAL STATUS AND SUSPENDED ITS ACTIVITIES IN COMPLIANCE WITH GOVT ORDERS LIKE ALL OTHER POLITICAL PARTIES, ITS MEMBERS ARE BEING ARRESTED WITHOUT CHARGE OR TRIAL. MIRA SAID THAT PCA MEMBER ANDRES DELLANENA WAS ARRESTED IN CORDOBA MAY 18, RELEASED THE SAME DAY, THEN KIDNAPPED SOME HOURS LATER. HIS BULLET-RIDDEN BODY WAS REPORTEDLY FOUND ON MAY 19. REFERRING TO DELLANENA'S MURDER, CONFIDENTIAL

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MIRA SAID THAT "THIS ACTION OF ELEMENTS WHICH TRY TO IMPOSE A FACIST REGIME OF PINOCHET'S STYLE MUST BE OPPOSED BY THE GOVT AND PEOPLE THROUGH A CIVILIAN-MILITARY COALITION ADVOCATED BY

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GEN. VIDELA, PRESIDENT OF THE MILITARY GOVT OF ARGENTINA."

MIRA SAID THE PCA DISAPPEARANCE AND ARREST CASES HAD BEEN SUBMITTED TO INTERIOR MINISTER HARGUINDEGUY, FIRST CORPS COMMANDER SUAREZ MASON AND FEDERAL POLICE CHIEF OJEDA, ALL WITHOUT REPLY. COMMENT: VARIOUS SOURCES HAVE TOLD EMBOFFS THAT GOA AUTHORITIES HAVE INCREASED INVESTIGATIONS AND REPRESSIVE MEASURES AGAINST THE PCA AND ITS MEMBERS.

6. PSYCHOLOGISTS LEAVING COUNTRY: AN ARGENTINE DOCTOR CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF MAY 31 THAT DR. VALENTIN BAREMBILT HAS BEEN RELEASED AND HAS VOLUNTARILY LEFT THE COUNTRY. SOURCE IS NOT AWARE OF WHAT HAPPENED TO MARTA BREA. SOURCE ALSO SAID THAT MORE THAN A HUNDRED OF ARGENTINE PSYCHOLOGISTS AND PSYCHIATRISTS HAVE LEFT THE COUNTRY FOR FEAR OF REPRESSION AND GENERAL CONDITIONS IN ARGENTINA. FOR EXAMPLE, SHE SAID BAREMBILT'S PREDECESSOR AS HEAD OF THE PSYCHIATRIC UNIT AT LANUS HOSPITAL DR. GOLDENBERG FLED ARGENTINA FOR VENEZUELA LAST YEAR AFTER HIS HOUSE WAS DESTRUCTIVELY RANSACKED. SOURCE SAID THAT TWO MONTHS AGO THE PSYCHOLOGY MAGAZINE "PADRES" WAS ORDERED SHUT DOWN AND ITS PSYCHOLOGIST EDITORS AND CONTRIBUTORS THREATENED. SOME OF THEM HAVE REPORTEDLY LEFT THE COUNTRY. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, AUTHORITIES CONSIDER FREUD TO BE A MARXIST AND SUBVERSIVE, CONFIDENTIAL

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WHICH IS WHY THEY HAVE MADE PSYCHIATRISTS AND PSYCHOLOGISTS PARTICULAR TARGETS IN THE WAR AGAINST IDEOLOGICAL SUBVERSION.

7. DIVINE LIGHT MISSION: A PREVIOUSLY UNREPORTED FEDERAL COURT RULING THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S JANUARY 25 BAN AGAINST ALL ACTIVITIES OF THE DIVINE LIGHT MISSION WAS UNCONSTITUTIONAL HAS BEEN APPEALED BY GOA ON MAY 31, ACCORDING TO BA HERALD EDITOR BOB COX. THE ORIGINAL RULING AGAINST THE BAN'S CONSTITUTIONALITY WAS NOT PUBLISHED IN THE LOCAL PRESS AND THE PROHIBITION OF THE SECT AND CONFISCATION OF ITS PUBLICATIONS APPARENTLY WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL THE OUTCOME OF THE GOVERNMENT'S APPEAL.

8. REFUGEES: EIGHT ARGENTINE REFUGEES, SEVEN ADULTS AND ONE CHILD, REPORTEDLY DEPARTED URUGUAY FOR RESETTLEMENT LOCATIONS ABROAD AFTER OCCUPYING UNITED NATIONS OFFICES IN MONTEVIDEO FOR TEN DAYS, ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS ACCOUNTS JUNE 1. THE ARGENTINES APPARENTLY ENTERED URUGUAY TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE OCCUPATION WHICH WAS EFFECTED IN ORDER TO PRESSURE THE UNHCR TO OBTAIN TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND RESETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITIES OVERSEAS, ACCORDING TO THE REPORT. (UNHCR REP MULLER--PROTECT--TOLD EMBOFF RECENTLY THAT SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF ARGENTINES ARE SEEKING ASYLUM AND UN PROTECTION IN NEIGHBORING SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES BUT THAT MANY OF THEM APPEAR NOT TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PROTECTION UNDER THE UNHCR MANDATE.)

9. ARGENTINE PABLO RIEZNIK: BA HERALD (MAY 28) REPORTED THE MAY 25 ABDUCTION OF ARGENTINE NATIONAL PABLO RIEZNIK, FOLLOWED BY A REPORT THAT RIEZNIK'S AMCIT WIFE ALEJANDRA HERRERA DE RIEZNIK HAD SOUGHT PROTECTION AND ASSISTANCE AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. PABLO RIEZNIK WAS RELEASED ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF BUENOS AIRES ON MAY 31 AFTER HAVING APPARENTLY BEEN INTERROGATED AND TORTURED FOR SIX DAYS (SEE SEPTTEL). HIS DOCUMENTS WERE TAKEN FROM HIM AND HIS FAMILY IS NOW TRYING TO ARRANGE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND A VISA FOR HIM TO
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EITHER VENEZUELA OR ENGLAND. NEITHER RIEZNIK NOR HIS WIFE (AMCIT BY BIRTH, APPARENTLY NO FAMILY IN US) PLAN TO GO TO US BUT HAVE REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING TRAVEL DOCUMENTS.

10. CHURCH-STATE RELATIONS: REMARKS OF PRESIDENT VIDELA AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN VENEZUELA MAY 12 ACKNOWLEDGING THE RIGHT OF THE ARGENTINE CHURCH TO EXPRESS ITS PREOCCUPATION OVER DISAPPEARANCES, USE OF TORTURE AND OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE POSSIBILITY THAT SOME OF THE DISAPPEARANCES ARE DUE TO "AN EXCESS OF REPRESSION IN THE FORCES OF ORDER" INCREASINGLY APPEARS TO SIGNAL A CHANGE IN OFFICIAL POLICY ON FACING CRITICISM OF HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES IN ARGENTINA. THE PRESS REACTED FAVORABLY TO VIDELA'S REMARKS. BUENOS AIRES HERALD EDITORIAL (MAY 15) COMMENDED VIDELA'S "SENSIBLE AND SENSITIVE" REMARKS AS A CANDID ECHO OF THE BISHOPS' APPEAL TO THE CONSCIENCE OF THE NATION TO STEM THE TIDE OF VIOLENCE, DISAPPEARANCES AND HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES. THE EDITORIAL REFERRED TO THE DECISION OF THE SUPREME COURT TO REQUEST THE EXECUTIVE MAKE MORE THOROUGH AND COOPERATIVE INVESTIGATIONS INTO HABEAS CORPUS CASES AS ANOTHER REFLECTION OF OFFICIAL PREOCCUPATION WITH THE CURRENT INTERNAL SECURITY SITUATION. LA NACION BASED ITS MAY 21 EDITORIAL EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF HABEAS CORPUS ON VIDELA'S STATEMENTS IN VENEZUELA. NOTING THE PRESIDENT'S PREOCCUPATION OVER DISAPPEARANCE CASES, THE EDITORIAL SAID THAT HABEAS CORPUS WAS A CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEE AND A CORNERSTONE OF THE COUNTRY'S REPUBLICAN POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY. IT COMMENDED A RECENT FEDERAL COURT RULING THAT JUDGES MUST EXHAUSTIVELY SEEK CLARIFICATION IN HABEAS CORPUS WRITS ON DISAPPEARANCE AND DETENTION CASES AND DECLARED THAT THE LACK OF CONCRETE CHARGES OR INFORMATION ON THE WHEREABOUTS OF PERSONS APPARENTLY ABDUCTED BY GROUPS CLAIMING TO REPRESENT THE SECURITY FORCES WAS A PROFOUND TRAVESTY OF JUSTICE. OTHER HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS HAVE ALSO PUBLICLY SUPPORTED THE PRINCIPLES UPHELD IN
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THE BISHOPS' STATEMENTS. INTERIOR MINISTER HARGUINDEGUY DECLARED MAY 20 THAT "THE GOVT SHARES TOTALLY THE THOUGHTS OF OUR BISHOPS WHO CONFIRMED THEIR WISH TO CONSTRUCT A MORE JUST, HUMANE AND CHRISTIAN ORDER." THE GOVT LISTENS RESPECTFULLY TO THE BISHOPS AND ANXIOUSLY TRIES TO FULFILL ITS RESPONSIBILITIES WITHIN THE CATHOLIC DOCTRINE. HARGUINDEGUY SAID. LA OPINION (MAY 20) SAID THE GOVT HAS CAREFULLY SOUGHT TO AVOID A COLLISION WITH THE CHURCH AND GAVE AS AN EXAMPLE VIDELA'S STATEMENTS AS WELL AS CONTINUING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN CHURCH LEADERS AND GOVT OFFICIALS. THE NEWSPAPER NOTES CARDINAL PRIMATESTA

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HAD A LENGTHY CONVERSATION WITH HARGUINDEGUY BEFORE THE CARDINAL'S TRIP TO ROME MAY 18. (UPON HIS RETURN ON MAY 28, PRIMATESTA SAID THAT IN HIS LONG TALK WITH POPE PAUL OVER THE RELIGIOUS SITUATION IN ARGENTINA, THE POPE REITERATED HIS CONFIDENCE IN ARGENTINA'S DESTINY AND HIS "SPECIAL AFFECTION" FOR ARGENTINA.)

11. TWELVE LEADERS OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT PARTY EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT OF THE BISHOPS' DOCUMENT IN A LETTER PRESENTED TO CARDINAL PRIMATESTA MAY 19. THE POLITICIANS' LETTER STATES THAT THE DOCUMENT REFLECTS "THE FEELINGS OF ALL ARGENTINES OF GOOD WILL."

12. PAPAL NUNCIO: POPE PAUL WILL SEND A MEDAL TO FORMER

FORNMINISTER GUZZ TTI IN SYMPATHY FOR THE TERRORIST ATTACK SUFFERED BY GUZZETTI MAY 7, ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS REPORTS MAY 31. THE MEDAL WILL BE DELIVERED BY PAPAL NUNCIO PIO LAGHI WHO IS TO RETURN TO ARGENTINA IN MID JUNE, ACCORDING TO LA OPINION (MAY 31). (RUMORS HAD CIRCULATED A MONTH AGO THAT THE PAPAL NUNCIO MIGHT NOT RETURN TO ARGENTINA AS A SIGN OF THE POPE'S CONCERN OVER THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN ARGENTINA.)

13. JEHOVAHS WITNESSES: THE FEDERAL APPEALS COURT IN CORDOBA
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RULLED MAY 9 THAT DISCRIMINATION AGAINST CHILDREN OF JEHOVAHS WITNESSES WAS UNCONSTITUTIONAL. IN AN INJUNCTION REQUESTED BY PARENTS OF TWO STUDENTS WHO WERE REFUSED PERMISSION TO ENROLL IN A LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOL, THE COURT RULED THAT NO RUEL PROHIBITS THE ENROLLMENT OF STUDENTS PROFESSING THE JEHOVAHS WITNESS FAITH.

14. UNION LEADERS DISAPPEAR: THE MILITARY INTERVENTOR OF THE TELEPHONE WORKERS UNION DENOUNCED THE DISAPPEARANCES ON MAY 13 OF TWO UNION LEADERS, SECRETARY-GENERAL MAXIMO TELL AND FINANCE SECRETARY TERESA SARRICA. SOME DAYS EARLIER FORMER CGT AND MILK WORKERS UNION LEADER ABELARDO ARCE DISAPPEARED. SOME SOURCES BELIEVE THAT ARCE'S DISAPPEARANCE MAY BE LINKED TO THE KIDNAPPING OF ARGENTINE EMPLOYER REPRESENTATIVE IN ILO GOVERNMENT BODY, ANTONIO VITAIC JAKASA.

15. BODIES DISCOVERED: THREE BODIES WERE FOUND IN AN EMPTY LIT INWILDE, SOUTH OF BUENOS AIRES, ON MAY 16, AFTER AREA RESIDENTS REPORTED HEARING GUNSHOTS AND EXPLOSIONS AT 3 A.M. (A LONG-TIME EMBASSY SOURCE CLAIMS THAT THE INDIVIDUALS WERE SHOT DEAD, THEN BLOWN APART BY EXPLOSIVES, ALTHOUGH EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM HIS REPORT.)

16. INTERIOR MINISTRY LISTS: THE INTERIOR MINISTRY ANNOUNCED MAY 28 THAT SIX ARGENTINE NATIONALS HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY; 12 PERSONS HAVE CEASED TO BE HELD AT THE DISPOSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE (TWO FOR ECONOMIC CRIMES, 10 FOR SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES); AND 26 PERSONS WERE PLACED AT THE DISPOSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE (16 FOR ECONOMIC CRIMES, INCLUDING JUAN CARLOS ROUSSELOT, EDITOR OF THE RESISTENCIA NESSPAPER EL NORTE; AND TEN FOR SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.)

17. JOURNALISTS ARRESTED: THE DIRECTOR AND THREE STAFF MEMBERS OF THE LA RIOJA DAILY NEWSPAPER EL INDEPENDIENTE HAVE BEEN DETAINED BY THE THIRD ARMY CORPS FOR "SUSPECTED CONNECTION TO POSSIBLY SUBVERSIVE ACTS," ACCORDING TO AN
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ARMY COMMUNIQUE MAY 29. OTHER STAFF MEMBERS WHO ARE AT PRESENT
EITHER DETAINED OR FUGITIVES HAVE ALSO BEEN IMPLICATED, SAID
THE COMMUNIQUE, ADDING THAT THE INVESTIGATION WILL BE TURNED
OVER TO THE FEDERAL COURTS FOR RESOLUTION. EL INDEPENDIENTE
WAS TWICE SHUT DOWN LAST APRIL FOR VIOLATING PRESS LAWS.
(COMMENTC EL INDEPENDIENTE WAS OWNED AND RUN BY A NEWSPAPER
COOPERATIVE GENERALLY KNOWN FOR ITS LEFT-LEANING VIEWS. ITS
TROUBLES WITH THE MILITARY GOVT PROBABLY STEM FROM ALONG TIME
RIGHT-LEFT FEUD OVER THE NEWSPAPER'S DIRECTION AND POSSIBLY ALSO
FROM AN EFFORT BY THE CITY'S OTHER SMALLER DAILY, RUN BY A WEALTHY
CONSERVATIVE BUSINESSMAN REPORTEDLY CLOSELY CONNECTED TO THE
LOCAL MILITARY, TO DRIVE EL INDEPENDIENTE OUT OF BUSINESS.)
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